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SCIENCE OFFICER TORRES FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE U.S.-
BRAZIL JOINT GROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MET FOR THE SECOND
TIME OCTOBER 2-4 AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND ENERGY
IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT GROUP
WAS IN BRASILIA, SEPTEMBER 16-17, 1976, SHORTLY AFTER
THE GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE FEBRUARY 1976
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO
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CONSULT ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

MINISTER CARLOS AUGUSTO DE PROENCA ROSA, UNDER SECRETARY
FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
RELATIONS, AND AMBASSADOR THOMAS R. PICKERING, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND
SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CO-

CHAired THE MEETING.

THIS JOINT GROUP MEETING REPRESENTS ONE EFFORT AMONG OTHERS BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO BUILD UPON A TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TO DETERMINE NEW AREAS WHERE INTERESTS CONVERGE, AND TO FORGE NEW TIES BASED ON MUTUAL BENEFIT AND SHARED OBJECTIVES AND GOALS. THE MEETING IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE REALIZATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND GEISEL, ANNOUNCED IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF MARCH 30, 1978, TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE INTEREST BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE IN REDUCING THEIR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

THE JOINT GROUP DISCUSSED A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN THE THREE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY FIELDS SPECIFIED BY PRESIDENTS CARTER AND GEISEL: 1) COAL MINING, PROCESSING AND CONVERSION, 2) PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL FROM SUGAR AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND 3) INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION CONSERVATION. THREE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS WERE FORMED IN THESE RESPECTIVE FIELDS TO DEFINE POSSIBLE PROJECTS AND WORK OUT A DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE JOINT GROUP AND THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IN ADDITION TO EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS AND INFORMATION AND MEETINGS IN THE THREE FIELDS OF COOPERATION, THE JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUP APPROVED A COOPERATIVE PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A LOW COST FERMENTATION PLANT FOR PRODUCING ALCOHOL IN BRAZIL.

THE JOINT GROUP AGREED TO MEET ANNUALLY TO REVIEW THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND TO FORMULATE PROGRAMS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION. CHRISTOPHER

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